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Re Patent Application of:

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MANUFACTURING METHOD THEREOF

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

The present invention provides magnetic recording medium having a non-magnetic substrate a non-magnetic metal-ground layer and a magnetic ground layer.

The non-magnetic ground layer is formed on a main surface side of the non-magnetic substrate and contains Ru at at least 20 at %. The magnetic layer is formed on the non-magnetic ground layer and has a metal magnetic than film.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 2 without prejudice or disclaimer of the underlying subject matter. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.121 (c)(1)(i) amend claims 1-16 as set forth below in clean form. Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), amended claims 1-16 are set forth in a marked-up version in the attached Appendix to Amendment.

1. (Amended) A magnetic recording medium comprising: